

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A system for strategy management within an organization, the system comprising:

a shared strategic plan having a first level, a first sublevel with an inferior relationship to the first level, and a second sublevel with an inferior relationship to the first sublevel;

a first processing device controllable by a user having a user identification, the first processing device including

a first memory device, and

a first communications module operable to communicate the user identification, to communicate a request to receive at least a portion of the shared strategic plan, and to receive the requested portion after communicating the user identification and the request;

a second processing device coupled to the first processing device, the second processing device including

a second memory device that stores the shared strategic plan,

an administration module operable to validate the user identification has permission to receive the requested portion, and

a second communications module operable to receive the user identification from the first processing device, to receive the request from the first processing device, and to communicate the requested portion to the first processing device when the user identification is valid; and

an output device coupled to the second processing device that communicates the requested portion of the shared strategic plan to the user.

2. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the shared strategic plan includes a vision that sets a goal, and wherein the first level includes a strategy that describes how the vision is implemented.

3. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the user is assigned to implement the strategy, and wherein the administration module is further operable to assign viewer permission to the user allowing the user to receive a portion of the shared strategic plan relating to the strategy when the user is assigned the strategy.

4. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 3 wherein the requested portion of the shared strategic plan includes the strategy, the first sublevel, and the second sublevel.
5. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 3 wherein the first communications module is further operable to communicate an edit that changes the strategy, wherein the administration module is further operable to assign edit permission to the user allowing the user to edit the strategy when the user is assigned the strategy and to validate that the user has edit permission.
6. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the first sublevel includes a commitment that specifies an intended result for the strategy.
7. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 6 wherein the user is assigned to implement the commitment, and wherein the administration module is further operable to assign viewer permission to the user allowing the user to receive a portion of the shared strategic plan relating to the commitment when the user is assigned the commitment.
8. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 7 wherein the portion of the shared strategic plan receivable by the user includes the strategy, the commitment, and the second sublevel.
9. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 7 wherein the first communications module is further operable to communicate an edit that changes the commitment, wherein the administration module is further operable to assign edit permission to the user allowing the user to edit the commitment when the user is assigned the commitment and to validate that the user has edit permission.
10. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 6 wherein the second sublevel includes a task that defines the work to occur for achieving the commitment.
11. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 10 wherein the user is assigned to implement the task, and wherein the administration module is further operable to assign viewer permission

to the user allowing the user to receive a portion of the shared strategic plan relating to the task when the user is assigned the task.

12. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 11 wherein the requested portion of the shared strategic plan includes the strategy, the commitment, and the task.

13. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 11 wherein the first communications module is further operable to communicate an edit that changes the task, wherein the administration module is further operable to assign edit permission to the user allowing the user to edit the task when the user is assigned the task and to validate that the user has edit permission.

14. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 10 wherein the shared strategic plan further includes a third sublevel with an inferior relationship to the second sublevel, and wherein the third sublevel includes a subtask that defines the work to occur for achieving the task.

15. (Original) A system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the first and second processing devices are coupled via the Internet.

16. (Original) A method of implementing a shared strategic plan of an organization, the method comprising:

creating a shared strategic plan and storing the same in memory, the strategic plan including a first level, a first sublevel with an inferior relationship to the first level, and a second sublevel with an inferior relationship to the first sublevel;

sending a request to receive at least a portion of the shared strategic plan from one device to another;

sending a user identification with the request;

validating that a user associated with the user identification has permission to receive the requested portion; and

transmitting the requested portion when the user identification is valid; and

communicating the requested portion to the user after receiving the requested portion.

17. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 16 wherein creating the shared strategic plan further includes creating a vision that sets a goal for the unit, and wherein creating a strategy includes creating a statement that describes how the vision is implemented.

18. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein the method further comprises assigning the user to implement the strategy, and assigning viewer permission to the user allowing the user to receive a portion of the shared strategic plan relating to the strategy.

19. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 18 wherein the requested portion of the shared strategic plan includes the strategy, the first sublevel, and the second sublevel.

20. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 18 wherein the method further comprises:

communicating an edit that changes the strategy;

assigning edit permission to the user when the user is assigned the strategy;

validating the user identification to ensure that the user is permitted to edit the strategy;

and

editing the strategy when the user identification is valid.

21. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 17 wherein creating the first sublevel includes creating a commitment that specifies an intended result for the strategy.
22. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 21 wherein the method further comprises assigning the user to implement the commitment and assigning viewer permission to the user allowing the user to receive a portion of the shared strategic plan relating to the commitment when the user is assigned the commitment.
23. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the requested portion of the shared strategic plan includes the strategy, the commitment, and the second sublevel.
24. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 22 wherein the method further comprises:
communicating an edit that changes the commitment;
assigning edit permission to the user when the user is assigned the commitment;
validating that the user is permitted to edit the commitment; and
editing the commitment when the user permission is valid.
25. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 21 wherein creating the second sublevel includes creating a task that defines the work to occur for achieving the commitment.
26. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 25 wherein the method further comprises:
assigning the user to implement the task;
assigning viewer permission to the user; and
allowing the user to receive a portion of the shared strategic plan relating to the task when the user is assigned the task.
27. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 26 wherein the requested portion of the shared strategic plan includes the strategy, the commitment, and the task.

28. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 26 wherein the method further comprises:
communicating an edit that changes the task;
assigning edit permission to the user;
validating the that the user is permitted to edit the task when the user is assigned the task;
and
editing the task when the user permission is valid.

29. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 25 wherein the shared strategic plan includes a third sublevel with an inferior strategy to the second sublevel, the third sublevel having a task.

30. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 16 wherein the sending a request and communicating the request portion are via the Internet.

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